THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 6th August 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING-IN OF NEW MEMBERS.

Sri K. Kamaraj Nadar and Sri T. Manavalan were sworn in.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Celebration of ' Thiruvalluvar Day ' in Secondary Schools.

* 1097 *Q.*—SRI M. PALANIYANDI (on behalf of Sri K. R. Viswanathan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Government have issued instructions to the Headmasters of Secondary Schools to celebrate ' Thiruvalluvar Day ' under the auspices of Students' Literary Association;

(*b*) whether according to such instructions the expenditure for such celebration can be met from the funds of the Association; and

(*c*) if not, why?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) The Director has issued proceedings in the matter.

" (*b*) & (*c*) The expenditure connected with the celebrations may be met from the funds of the Literary Associations of schools."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" May I know which day has been chosen as ' Tiruvalluvar Day ' to perpetuate Thiruvalluvar's memory? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Any day may be chosen by the schools concerned."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Is this applicable to Malabar High schools also? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no prohibition, Sir."

SRI K. V. RAMASWAMI :—" திருவள்ளுவர் நாளைக் கொண்டாடுவதற்கு பள்ளிக்கூடங்களில் திருவள்ளுவர் தினத்தன்று விடுமுறை அளிக்க சர்க்கார் உத்தேசித்திருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no particular day known as ' Thiruvalluvar Day '. It is only an occasion to commemorate the memory of the great poet."